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Online and
In-person at
Central Tucson

6 Weeks:
May 15 to June 23



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OLLI-UA Summer 2023 Overview

Welcome to OLLI-UA Summer 2023!

This summer we are excited to offer **in-person classes** at our Central Tucson campus and **online classes** hosted on Zoom, in addition to a variety of social events.

If you are considering joining OLLI-UA for the first time, summer session is a great way to get a taste of the programming we offer year-round and will hopefully encourage you to join us as an annual member for the new fiscal year: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Summer Session Overview

- **Summer is 6 weeks from May 15 to June 23**
- There are 40+ offerings across OLLI-UA including social events and more dining out options to be announced
- Central Tucson classes run Tuesday and Wednesday
- Online classes run Tuesday through Friday

Registration

- **Priority Request Registration (PRR) ends Wednesday, April 19** and runs Thursday, April 20.
- Registration confirmation emails will be sent after PRR runs on the 20th.
- **Open Registration begins after PRR runs on Thursday, April 20.** During open registration you can continue to add (and drop) classes first come, first serve throughout the term.

What's Priority Request Registration (PRR)?

PRR is a stress-free pre-registration process that allows you to prioritize and request the classes you most want to attend. At the end of PRR, our registration system officially enrolls members in classes, filling each seat based on the priority of the request. This is helpful for classes with limited capacities that fill quickly. **It is important to give small capacity classes a higher priority if they are important to you.** If a class fills, a waiting list is started and ordered by the next priority assigned. More detail on this process and our registration planner materials can be found on our website: olli.arizona.edu.

Memberships

What you can register for depends on the membership you purchase. Summer session is open to our existing Spring and Annual members. **If you are not a current member, OLLI-UA offers a \$75 summer membership option, and it is a great way to get a taste of OLLI-UA.**

The **Annual All OLLI / Central Tucson Campus (CT) Membership** OR the **\$75 All OLLI Summer Membership** allow you to register for ALL classes across OLLI-UA through June 30, 2023.

The **Greater Tucson / Green Valley / Online (GTGV) Membership** allows you to register for online classes through June 30, 2023. (Central Tucson classes are not included with this membership).

Complete membership purchase details can be found at olli.arizona.edu along with information on available financial assistance.

COVID-19 Policy

OLLI-UA 501(c)(3) is taking steps to help ensure the health and well-being of our learning community, but please know members must decide for themselves if they are comfortable attending in-person activities and assume any personal risk involved. We also ask you to think of our collective membership and act in the best interest of all participants when deciding to attend in-person activities. OLLI-UA continues to provide robust online offerings for those who cannot meet the requirements for in-person activities. These requirements may change. **Our website is the best place to stay informed of the current policy:** olli.arizona.edu/page/covid19

To protect our highly vulnerable learning community, **the Board of Directors of OLLI-UA 501(c)(3) is requiring members be fully vaccinated per CDC guidelines to attend in-person activities at our campus locations.** Masks are highly recommended, but not required. You may be asked to present proof of vaccination and are strongly encouraged to follow the latest CDC recommendations for COVID-19 including booster shots.

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Central Tucson Campus



The [Central Tucson campus](#) is located at [4485 N 1st Avenue, Tucson AZ](#), on the NW corner of 1st Avenue and Wetmore Road. The facility includes three large classrooms, a member lounge with coffee service for eating or just gathering, and ample parking.

Online Classes



Online classes are hosted using Zoom. There is no cost or account needed for members to use Zoom. Zoom is generally easy to use and works across many different devices and operating systems. Learn more on our Zoom resources page: olli.arizona.edu/page/zoom

Volunteer Opportunities

As a member-run, volunteer-led organization, OLLI-UA is dependent on our members stepping up to help in ways big and small. Please consider giving your time and expertise to OLLI-UA. It is also a great way to meet fellow members and develop lasting friendships! [Click here to explore current opportunities.](#)

Planning Tools

Keep in mind all offerings are subject to change. See our website's [Class Catalogs](#) page for the latest information and additional class registration planners.

Clicking on the class titles in this catalog will take you to the OLLI-UA registration page for each class.

Need Help?

You can always email the office at ollimail@arizona.edu or call 520-626-9039, Mon – Fri, 9 AM to 4 PM.

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Central Tucson Campus (In-person)

Tuesdays

[Investing for Income](#)

Subject Area: DIY/Self-Help, Science/Math/Technology, Social Sciences

Tuesdays: 2 Sessions 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 5/23/23

Location: Saguaro Room **Class Size:** 30

Course Description

This course will cover topics such as: income investing, deep dive on fixed income, bond ratings and high yield, coupon vs. no coupon bonds, government vs. corporate debt, how to choose what is appropriate for you, beating inflation with bond yields, deep dive on dividend stocks, price return vs. dividend yield, tax impacts, stock price risk on high dividend stocks, aggregate portfolio level, buckets approach, REITs, portfolio wide tax strategies, fees for individual bond buying on major brokerages, and fixed income and equity fund expense ratio.

Instructor: Richard Munding, CFA

Richard brings almost four decades of investment management experience to serving clients. He has developed an innovative “total return” investment strategy that may smooth out portfolio volatility and enhance returns. This total return philosophy is the basis behind RMH’s approach to investment management. Mr. Munding has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Richard graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and is a Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute.

[Best Musicians Born in 1943](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture

Tuesdays: Single session 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 5/16/23

Location: Ocotillo Room **Class Size:** 65

Course Description

What a year! Joni Mitchell. George Harrison. John Denver. Mick and Keith. James Levine. And a dozen more greats. Enjoy the best curated video and audio clips to tap your toes and rock your socks off — and singalong.

Instructor: John "Nemo" Nemerovski

John Nemo is a lifelong musician and educator who immerses himself in folk, early rock, blues, jazz, and classical music. He plays guitar and provides a fascinating playlist for his music appreciation courses.

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News and Views

Subject Area: History/Current Events, Social Sciences

Tuesdays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 6/20/23

Location: Palo Verde Room **Class Size:** 45

Course Description

News and Views is an interactive class participation discussion group. The class proposes topics for a lively discussion. The class is informative and fun.

Instructor: Terry Coleman

Terry has been a resident of Tucson for 35 years and an OLLI member. He is retired from the local school system having been a school counselor. He has served overseas as a Peace Corps volunteer in India and later as a Foreign Service officer in South Vietnam.

The Godfather

Subject Area: Arts/Culture

Tuesdays: 3 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 5/30/23

Location: Saguaro Room **Class Size:** 65

Course Description

This class is a comprehensive exploration of this classic American film. "The Godfather" is innovative, creative, and a unique milestone in movie making. Areas of the course will include: the origin of the plans to make the film, the "suits" at Paramount, the drama and intrigue behind how the amazing cast was created, decisions and anecdotes involving the dramatic filming of this classic masterpiece, and the response to the film by critics and the general public.

Instructors: Arnie Bianco, Susan Williams

Arnie is a long time retired educator as a teacher, school principal and adjunct instructor at Chapman University, NAU, Brown Mackie College, and Brookline College. Arnie is an active OLLI member. He has been a teacher for a number of years and has done relationship workshops in more than 10 states. He is a published author who has always loved to teach. His wife is presently a teacher.

Susan has served as an OLLI student, tech host, co-host, and a member of the OLLI board.

[Canceled: Washington Square](#)

Subject Area: Literature/Writing/Language

Tuesdays: ~~6 Sessions 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM~~ **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 6/20/23

Location: ~~Palo Verde Room~~ **Class Size:** 45

[Dungeons and Dragons: The History and Practice of Roleplaying Games](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture, Literature/Writing/Language, Philosophy/Spirituality/Religion, Travel/Entertainment

Tuesdays: 6 Sessions 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 6/20/23

Location: Ocotillo Room **Class Size:** 45

Course Description

"Dungeons & Dragons" has been around since 1974, but thanks to a number of factors -- Stranger Things on Netflix, Critical Role on YouTube, The Legend of Vox Machina on Amazon Prime, and of course the COVID lockdown -- the game is more popular than it's ever been in its 50-year history. (There's even a movie now!) So what's it all about? Where did it come from, why is it popular, and how has it changed over the years? Is it really satanic? (Answer: No, of course not, but that's going to be a fun lecture.) And most importantly, where do I go to play D&D and other games like it? Come find out, and get hooked on what might be the most creative hobby in the world!

David Ellis Dickerson has been playing D&D and other role-playing games since 1977, and has decades of experience as a referee, player, and writer of game materials...and he has also taught English at the college level, so all the slides will be spelled properly and classes will end on time.

Instructor: David Dickerson

Dr. David Dickerson is an Emmy-nominated humorist with a Ph.D. in American Literature (FSU 2011) and an MFA in Creative Writing (U of A 1998). He has appeared six times on public radio's "This American Life" and has published a memoir about his experiences writing humor for Hallmark (House of Cards, 2008), and a TED Talk about writing for a Christian game show ("Fact-Checking the Bible", YouTube). These days he mostly writes speculative fiction and plays roleplaying games.

Ranked Choice Voting

Subject Area: Civic Engagement/Community/Government

Tuesdays: Single session 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/23/23 **End:** Tue 5/23/23

Location: Ocotillo Room **Class Size:** 65

Course Description

Imagine a multi-party democracy that can bring diverse people with diverse ideas to the table to discuss the problems that face our communities, state, country and world. Our current plurality voting system effectively prevents this from happening because it is structurally coercive and limits voters choices as well as incentivizing a "race to the bottom" in terms of behavior and discourse. Ranked Choice Voting is one step in the process of citizen's reasserting their control over their democracy and their lives. This class will be offered as a hybrid set up, both in-person and online.

Instructor: Jon Ralston

Jon Ralston was born and raised in Southern California, and received a Bachelor's of Arts at the University of the Pacific. He moved to Tucson in 2000, worked for several years in education at the Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind and eventually returned to school to become an Acupuncturist. He has served on and been President of several Homeowner's Associations.

Death Doula 101

Subject Area: Health/Wellness, Social Sciences

Tuesdays: Single session 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Tue 5/30/23 **End:** Tue 5/30/23

Location: Palo Verde Room **Class Size:** 30

Course Description

Join us as we learn about and explore the role of a Death Doula. Most people who choose to work with Death Doulas are doing so in order to be very intentional with planning and experiencing end of life in a variety of ways.

A Death Doula provides non-medical support to the those who are dying and their loved ones. Learn important considerations when hiring a Death Doula, what to ask when interviewing and how they can best serve when diagnosed with a terminal illness or when planning for or learning about end of life.

Instructor: Staci Snyder

Staci has been serving individuals and families of all ages, working as a master's level social worker since 2003. Staci's mission is to provide the community with emotional and practical end-of-life support, education, and advocacy. After working as a hospice social worker, Staci's passion for end of life expanded and she obtained certification as a Death Doula and is a Mentee of Death Doula LA. She is an active member in both local and national Death Doula collectives.

[Musical Arrangements Explained — Finally](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture

Tuesdays: Single session 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Start:** Tue 6/6/23 **End:** Tue 6/6/23

Location: Ocotillo Room **Class Size:** 65

Course Description

Finally your questions will be answered with enjoyable video and audio examples. What is a musical bridge and where does it go? What's the difference between major and minor keys? What is an arrangement? What's a coda? Plus loads more musical concepts, all clearly explained and demonstrated. Classical, jazz, pop, folk, and more. Don't miss it.

Instructor: John "Nemo" Nemerovski

John Nemo is a lifelong musician and educator who immerses himself in folk, early rock, blues, jazz, and classical music. He plays guitar and provides a fascinating playlist for his music appreciation courses.

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[Canceled: Famous Movie Quotations](#)

~~**Subject Area:** Arts/Culture~~

~~**Tuesdays:** 2 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Tue 6/13/23 **End:** Tue 6/20/23~~

~~**Location:** Saguaro Room **Class Size:** 65~~

Wednesdays

[Film Discussion Class with Barbie Adler](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture

Wednesdays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 6/21/23

Location: Ocotillo Room **Class Size:** 65

Course Description

Barbie Adler is taking over the summer session of the Film Discussion Class. At the first session which she will lead, she will ask for 5 volunteers to select a movie of their choosing and lead the discussion of each of the movies for the next 5 sessions. Unlike the regular Film Discussion Class, it can be any movie from any time period, not just new releases.

Instructors: Barbie Adler, Rob Getlan

Barbie is an avid movie goer and enjoys all genres.

Rob Getlan has been running the Film Discussion Group for several years and enjoys discussing new and interesting films.

[Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind](#)

Subject Area: History/Current Events

Wednesdays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 6/21/23

Location: Palo Verde Room **Class Size:** 65

Course Description

This is a guided discussion focused on understanding the New York Times best seller, “Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind” written by Yuval Noah Harari, an Israeli public intellectual, historian and a professor in the Department of History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Wikipedia). Students are encouraged to beg, borrow, or buy the text. However, a Study Guide prepared by the SGL will allow you to participate in class. An excerpt from the text/Study Guide: “Without an ability to compose fiction, Neanderthals were unable to cooperate effectively in large numbers, nor could they adapt their social behavior to rapidly changing challenges.”

Instructor: Jamie McMillin

Jamie's OLLI SGL experience includes: Capital In the Twenty-first Century, Thomas Piketty (2017), A Course In Miracles, Helen Schucman and William Thetford (2018), How To Run a Marathon (2018), Winners Take All, Anand Giriharadas (2019), Winner-Take-All Politics, Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson (2019), The Meritocracy Trap, Daniel Markovits (2019), Duane’s Depressed, Larry McMurtry (2020), and Principles, Ray Dalio (2022).

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[Travel with OLLI](#)

Subject Area: Travel/Entertainment

Wednesdays: 4 Sessions 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 6/7/23

Location: Saguaro Room **Class Size:** 50

Course Description

We're looking for solo travelers and couples who would like to travel. We hope this class will lead to an ongoing travel Special Interest Group (SIG) at OLLI. Your ideas and expertise are valued, and we would like to develop a core group that might want to lead trips and/or participate in full day, weekend, and domestic and international trips.

At the first session, Diane-Marie will present an upcoming trip she is taking: Sailing through the Greek Isles on an authentic Tall Ship - Star Clippers for a magical journey from Oct. 7-14, 2023. Single supplement waived, just 166 passengers, 16 sails, length 379 feet, speed 5-16 knots for a dream vacation. See stunning beaches, ancient archaeological sites, churches, caves and windmills in an agricultural community, a small paradise with fishing villages. [See more about Star Clippers here.](#)

Future trip ideas: Ride the Williams Train to the Grand Canyon and enjoy a relaxing few days in Northern Arizona; Visit New York City from a Broadway Show, to the United Nations Bldg. and the Statue of Liberty – help us design the itinerary; Tour Washington, D.C. Smithsonian Museums, the Capitol, the Library of Congress, historical monuments.

We will also offer a survey to the class to find out what types of places you are interested in traveling to. Let's hear where you would like to go!

Additional discussion topics will include things such as: How COVID changed travel, cruising/sailing on small to mid-size ships from 166 to 1000 passengers, how to use airline points for free flights and hotels, savings on travel during shoulder seasons and repositioning, re-discovering train travel, tours vs. independent travel, and small group travel customized to include educational and enrichment classes.

Instructor: Diane-Marie Landsinger

Diane-Marie Landsinger has traveled to over 25 countries and has worked on international joint venture projects and helped families relocate around the world.

Humanities Seminars Program Watch Party

Subject Area: Arts/Culture, History/Current Events, Philosophy/Spirituality/Religion

Wednesdays: 5 Sessions 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Start:** Wed 5/24/23 **End:** Wed 6/14/23

Location: Ocotillo Room **Class Size:** 65

Course Description

The University of Arizona's Humanities Seminars Program has shared the first session of four award-winning HSP courses with the OLLI member audience. Join fellow OLLI members to watch each of these sessions together from the Central Tucson Campus.

Localizing the Sacred: Medieval Christian Architecture and Art, Instructor: Professor Laura Hollengreen

Introduction to Hindu Mythology, Instructor: Professor Caleb Simmons

Caravaggio, Instructor: Olivia Miller

Supreme Court Cases During A Pandemic, Instructor: Greg Sakall

Instructor: David Shawver

Dr. David Shawver was the Director of the American International School of Guangzhou from 1998-2007. He served as the President of the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools and traveled extensively in China in that role. He has offered several Study Groups on China since joining OLLI-UA in 2016.

Jezebel: A Reassessment

Subject Area: History/Current Events, Philosophy/Spirituality/Religion, Social Sciences

Wednesdays: 3 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Wed 5/24/23 **End:** Wed 6/7/23

Location: Saguaro Room **Class Size:** 45

Course Description

Jezebel is imagined to be the ultimate seductress, an enemy of all that is good, and thus presumed to be unredeemable. By supplementing Jezebel's story with archaeological finds and contemporary texts, we will reconsider who Jezebel was and whether her reputation should be redeemed.

Instructor: Abby Limmer

Abby Limmer has a PhD in Middle Eastern Archaeology, and is the Assistant Director for Outreach at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. She has taught everyone from first graders through university students to senior citizens.

[Investing in Retirement](#)

Subject Area: DIY/Self-Help, Science/Math/Technology, Social Sciences

Wednesdays: 2 Sessions 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Wed 5/31/23 **End:** Wed 6/7/23

Location: Palo Verde Room **Class Size:** 30

Course Description

Session I - Investing principles, investment policy statement (IPS), time horizon, taxes, risk, spending from the portfolio, income needed from the portfolio to sustain your living style.

Session II - What is a safe withdrawal rate? Diversification, fear of running out of income, special needs or projects; for example, a new car every 5 years, a trip to Europe for 2 months in 2025 (\$40,000), another trip in 2 years 2027 (\$50,000), example of a drawdown analysis.

Session III - Growing a portfolio, equities, alternative assets, investment strategies - cash, fixed income, equities/stocks, alternative investments.

Let's build a portfolio – I will show a simulation in the class, with drawdown analysis.

Instructor: Richard Munding, CFA

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Online Classes

Tuesdays

[Movies that Move Us: Film Discussion Group](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture

Tuesdays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 6/20/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

There are movies we enjoy. There are movies we fondly remember. And, then, there are movies that deeply influence our lives forever. For this course, we invite you to tell us about one movie which has made a profound impact on you: a movie that shaped your understanding; that expresses something important about yourself; or that changed the way you think about others. Each class member will submit the title of one movie to the SGL's before the course starts. From these, we'll compile the course syllabus. Each class member will discuss their movie explaining its importance in their life. You'll have about 15 minutes to make a basic presentation; then, we'll open the discussion to everyone for about 30 minutes. We plan to discuss two movies per class session (each for about 45 minutes). As you plan your short presentation, you should also prepare several questions (conversation-starters) to spark interesting discussion. The SGL's will help with this to keep the conversation lively and engaging!

Remember, you must email your choice before the first class. Movies must be easily accessible. Along with your movie title, include the director's name, and please let us know where it's available to watch online (to rent or watch free). We'll do our best to accommodate everyone who submits a movie title.

Class members must watch movies before each class. If you want to take the course but not make a presentation—just listen and enjoy—that's also fine.

Instructors: Leslye Friedberg, Judith Rockey, Jane Holschuh, Yolanda Alvarez

Leslye L. Friedberg, Professor Emeritus, taught writing, literature, and humanities at Community College of Philadelphia and The University of Cincinnati. Her main areas of interest are interdisciplinary connections among film, literature, and art. For OLLI, she has taught film courses on The Holocaust in Film; The Screwball Comedy; and Film Noir.

Judith is recently retired and enjoys films, darkroom photography, and taking classes at OLLI.

Jane Holschuh, Professor Emerita, taught courses on clinical social work, mental health services and policy, homelessness, and research methods at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Arizona State University, and Cal Poly Humboldt. Her academic areas of interest are serious mental illness, first person accounts/narratives, homelessness, and stigma. She focuses on the individual in social and societal contexts and has a long-standing interest in film.

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Yolanda Alvarez is a film buff who attends many film classes and film festivals. She enjoys discussing the relevance of popular culture in film and vice versa. Previously, she co-taught an OLLI course on Film Noir.

Contemporary Economic Policy Issues

Subject Area: Social Sciences

Tuesdays: 6 Sessions 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 6/20/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 2 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Economics plays a central role in the functioning of every aspect of society. It plays this role primarily through the actions of governments at the federal, state, and local levels. Given the centrality of its role, this course will address a set of prominent policy issues where economics is at their core. We will explore these issues in detail, including their origins as policy matters, the underlying data and evidence, and what policy levers are available to deal with them. The focus will be on what the economics profession collectively understands to be true about the issue. The structure of the course will be an initial lecture on the U.S. Economy. Subsequent lectures will be standalone, taught by a subject matter expert – all of whom have a Ph.D. in Economics. Potential topics include Climate Change Economics, Healthcare Economics, Economic Inequality, Autonomous Vehicles, and many more. The topics presented will be determined by what is most topical at the time of the course.

Instructor: Jon Haveman

Jon Haveman is the Executive Director of the National Economic Education Delegation (NEED). He has a reputation for providing audiences with edible economic information that is readily useful in their work and private lives. Jon was previously a Senior Economist with the President's Council of Economic Advisers and he also held a faculty position in the Business School at Purdue University. Dr. Haveman holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

Introduction to Hinduism: History, Religion, Philosophy, Culture

Subject Area: Philosophy/Spirituality/Religion

Tuesdays: 6 Sessions 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/16/23 **End:** Tue 6/20/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

This introductory course will provide an overview of Hinduism, the religion of India that originated about 3000 years ago. It will include a brief history about the origin of Hinduism and the contributions to it from different sources, the Religion of Hinduism and its many components, the different philosophies that underpin the religious practices, including the non-dualism of Vedanta; and the interactions between Hinduism and Judaism, Christianity, Islam. Also covered in the course are the rituals, practices, customs and festivals related to Hinduism.

Instructor: Pravin Soni

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Pravin Soni is a native of India and immigrated to the US in 1973. He has been a student of the Hindu Philosophy of Vedanta for the past 35 years. He has a PhD in Polymer Science and Engineering and has been involved in early stage biotech companies for over 25 years.

[Ranked Choice Voting \(Online\)](#)

Subject Area: Civic Engagement/Community/Government

Tuesdays: Single session 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Start:** Tue 5/23/23 **End:** Tue 5/23/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 2 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Imagine a multi-party democracy that can bring diverse people with diverse ideas to the table to discuss the problems that face our communities, state, country and world. Our current plurality voting system effectively prevents this from happening because it is structurally coercive and limits voters choices as well as incentivizing a "race to the bottom" in terms of behavior and discourse. Ranked Choice Voting is one step in the process of citizen's reasserting their control over their democracy and their lives. This class will be offered as a hybrid set up, both in-person and online.

Instructor: Jon Ralston

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[Separation of Church and State: Vital in 1787, Critical Now](#)

Subject Area: History/Current Events

Tuesdays: Single session 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Tue 5/30/23 **End:** Tue 5/30/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Presidents from Washington and Jefferson to JFK and Reagan believed the wall of separation between church and state must be absolute. This concept is enshrined in our Constitution's 1st Amendment. The class will look at the history of this foundational principle and why the "wall of separation" is as critically important to protecting Americans' freedom as ever. The presenters represent Congregation Beth Adam's (Cincinnati, OH) social justice committee which has been studying this issue for three years and hopes to educate others about its current significance.

Instructors: Michael Goldman, Jay Avner

Michael Goldman is the Chair of the Social Justice Committee at Congregation Beth Adam (Cincinnati, OH). He has an MFA in playwriting and worked as a writer in New York and Los Angeles. Mr. Goldman has run and consulted many local political campaigns, as well as having served, or led, several Cincinnati civic organizations.

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Jay has a degree in mechanical engineering as well as an MBA. He is a retired health care executive who negotiated provider contracts. Mr. Avner is active in the leadership of Congregation Beth Adam's (Cincinnati, OH) Social Justice committee as well as other nonprofit boards. His interests include history, politics and culture.

Wednesdays

[Mysteries of Space and Time](#)

Subject Area: Science/Math/Technology

Wednesdays: 2 Sessions 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 5/24/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 3 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Why do we say that the universe is expanding at an accelerating rate? How do we know dark matter is really present in space? What is the evidence for the Big Bang? We will discuss these and other scientific questions in this class. No prior knowledge of science will be assumed.

Instructor: Carl DeVito

Carl Devito is an emeritus professor at the University of Arizona. Lately he has been active in the conceptual aspects of astro-biology, and participated in conferences on these matters over the past few years.

[Shirley Jackson Short Stories and Novellas](#)

Subject Area: Literature/Writing/Language

Wednesdays: 5 Sessions 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 6/14/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 2 **Class Size:** 30

Course Description

Shirley Jackson is one of the most influential writers of the twentieth century, but is often pigeonholed as a gothic writer focusing on the supernatural; she was much more than that. Her writing reflects both a keen understanding of psychology and a facility for sublime prose.

We will revisit, for most, (and visit, for some) a sample of her short stories, including her masterpiece, "The Lottery," and also her novellas, including "We Have Always Lived in the Castle," and "The Haunting of Hill House."

This will be an interactive class, and requires weekly reading assignments to work, though we will not require anything too onerous. The idea is to have fun.

Renting or buying (used) "Shirley Jackson: Novels and Short Stories" is a must and includes all the material we will need.

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Instructor: Maureen Brooks

Maureen is an autodidact operaphile, and has an occasional column in the Green Valley News as "The Opera Lady." She has been teaching Lifelong Learning classes on Opera, Literature, and Hitchcock for the past 13 years in New York and in Green Valley. She is a retired attorney and taught at Marist College (Poughkeepsie) in their ABA accredited Paralegal Program until 2012 when she retired and moved to Arizona.

[Slavery and the Intersection of the Women's Suffrage and Abolition Movements](#)

Subject Area: Civic Engagement/Community/Government, History/Current Events, Social Sciences

Wednesdays: 5 Sessions 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 6/14/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 70

Course Description

The women's rights and the abolitionist movements were very closely connected in the 1800s, which has left a lasting and complicated legacy, even after the movements fragmented in 1869 with the passage of the 15th Amendment. This course will examine the broad history of slavery, with a particular emphasis on the close relationship between the women's rights and the abolitionist movements in the U.S., starting in the early 1800s through the passage of the 15th Amendment in 1869, which gave Black males the right to vote but not women, and the 19th Amendment ratified in 1920, which gave (some) women the right to vote. Famous advocates on both sides of the issue of freedom for the slaves and women's rights, including Abigail Adams, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, Paulina Wright Davis, Abby Kelley Foster, William Lloyd Garrison, Lucy Stone, and Sojourner Truth, among others, will be examined.

Instructor: Stephen Berardo

Stephen Berardo has been teaching at OLLI at the University of Rhode Island since 2018. He has a master's degree in public administration, and is a student of history and political systems. He has a long career as a planning consultant, and has also been an adjunct and full-time college faculty member teaching courses in business administration and aviation. He has also worked for many years with local, state, and federal government agencies on a variety of land use and infrastructure development issues.

[Abortion: Moral and Legal](#)

Subject Area: History/Current Events, Philosophy/Spirituality/Religion

Wednesdays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 6/21/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Week 1: Pro-life arguments

Week 2: What is a right to life?

Week 3: Is the fetus a person?

Week 4: Supreme Court cases from Griswold to Dobbs.

Week 5: Constitutional interpretation: Originalism

Week 6: Constitutional interpretation: A Living Constitution

Readings (all on Dropbox save Strauss's book): Peter Singer, chapter on Abortion, from Practical Ethics (available as a download), Judith Thompson, A Defense of Abortion (available as a download), David Strauss, The Living Constitution (book available for purchase from the usual sources, though reading the book is merely suggested), SCOTUS cases: Griswold, Loving, Roe, Planned Parenthood/Casey, Lawrence, Obergefell, Dobbs (summaries available).

Instructor: Robert Yanal

Robert Yanal, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., taught Philosophy, mainly Philosophy of Art, at Wayne State University, in Detroit, Michigan, for 37 years. He published 18 articles and 4 books, including "Hitchcock as Philosopher". He is retired, living in Tucson.

[OLLI-UA's Best Westerns Films](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture

Wednesdays: 6 Sessions 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM **Start:** Wed 5/17/23 **End:** Wed 6/21/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 20

Course Description

OLLI-UA celebrates six of the best Westerns films of all time. This unique genre depicts America's beginnings from the 19th and 20th century. Prior to class, participants will view these historic films. During class we will examine the movie through a contemporary lens. Viewings will examine each film's impact and see if they stand the test of time. Even if you have seen these films before, it's always great to revisit the classics with a fresh perspective. Join me for some great discussions and fun viewings!

Instructor: John Biggers

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After working on Amazon TV's *Transparent*, which won an Emmy Award for Best New Comedy, John Biggers has taught everyone from emerging readers, to high school and college students the art of storytelling and filmmaking. He is also obsessed with terriers.

[Our Cosmic Connection](#)

Subject Area: Science/Math/Technology

Wednesdays: Single session 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Wed 6/21/23 **End:** Wed 6/21/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Since the dawn of civilization, humans have sought to understand their connection with the greater universe and have even tried to make correlations between celestial and terrestrial events through the practice of astrology. This presentation explores the roots of our human desire to discover our deep connection with the cosmos, and focuses on how modern science has revealed how intimate that connection truly is.

Through the eyes of space-based telescopes, this visual journey will follow the creation of hydrogen and helium in the Big Bang, the formation of heavier elements as stars die, and new research into the formation of ubiquitous cosmic dust that connects our existence to it all.

Instructor: Janet Wood

Janet Wood is a volunteer for NASA/JPL's Solar System Ambassador program coordinated by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. Ambassadors present public programs to communicate the excitement, science, and discoveries of NASA's space exploration missions. Wood became a space science enthusiast after attending The Planetary Society's "Planetfest" in 1997 in conjunction with the Mars Pathfinder Landing, and joined the Solar System Ambassador Program in 2002. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Washington, and a Master's Degree in Geoscience Education from Mississippi State University. Her special interest is in planetary science.

Thursdays

[Use and Harness the Full Power of Your Right and Left Brain Hemispheres](#)

Subject Area: Health/Wellness, Science/Math/Technology

Thursdays: 6 Sessions 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Thu 5/18/23 **End:** Thu 6/22/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 45

Course Description

Almost all people have experienced trauma at some point in their life. Many have endured one or more trauma experiences, sometimes over a long period of time or between the developmental years between birth and 25.

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During the pandemic, record numbers of people were traumatized. This course, in a non-clinical way, describes what happens to the brain when under going trauma and teaches techniques to regulate the brain and encourage the frontal cortex to engage and reduce the all too prevalent, at this time in our society, over-reactions, or, negative responses to everyday stress. This course will change the way you see conflict, acting out and maladaptive behavior in any age group and provide useful tools to help your children, grandchildren, employees and yourself to learn how to use and harness the full power of the brain to improve emotional intelligence and day to day functioning.

Instructor: Sharon Youngblood

Sharon is a retired executive (VP, CEO of technical firms), consultant to management, and founded two firms. She is literate cross culturally and is a Certified Coach, Certified Trauma Coach, and has worked with homeless women, alcoholics, and technical managers, and cross culturally with those who have suffered trauma. For fifteen years she was a featured instructor at the Arizona Consulting Engineers Association teaching leadership. She currently is very active in working with people who suffer from trauma, specializing in teaching how to heal and harness the full power of both sides of the brain.

[Discovering Oneness with the Universe through Synchronicity and the Tao](#)

Subject Area: DIY/Self-Help, Philosophy/Spirituality/Religion

Thursdays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Thu 5/18/23 **End:** Thu 6/22/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 2 **Class Size:** 30

Course Description

Have you ever experienced an uncanny coincidence, a vivid dream, an ah-ha moment, or a deep connection with nature? Are these incidents random or do they carry a deeper meaning in our lives?

In *The Tao of Psychology: Synchronicity and the Self*, Jean Shinoda Bolen explores the connections of Jungian synchronicity and our intuitive sense that we are part of the universe through the teachings of the Tao. Utilizing Bolen's book as a springboard for our discussions, we will work to discover the deeper significance of synchronistic moments in our lives as part of the Taoist understanding of our interrelationship with the cosmos. We will break open the meaningfulness of such coincidences, touch on Carl Jung's ideas of the collective unconscious, and explore how we are linked to each other and the universe through the lens of Taoist perceptions. Come and share how we understand and utilize the power that is within us and our connectedness with all creation as we walk this path of the heart.

While reading the book is not required for the discussion, it could be helpful in furthering participants' understandings of these concepts through this brief and meaningful work. A 25th Anniversary edition was recently published. Both new and used copies are available from most major booksellers.

Please bring your insights and wisdom to join us in this discussion.

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Mary Ellen lived her first fifty years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she worked as an educator, a Director of Religious Education, and a Hospice Chaplain. Since moving to Sahuarita, Mary Ellen received an M.S. in Mental Health Counseling and counseled at-risk teens, pre-teens, and people struggling with loss. Her undergraduate work was in History and Theology and her graduate theological studies were in Religious Education and Clinical Pastoral Education.

[Reading and Discussing The New Yorker](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture, History/Current Events

Thursdays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Thu 5/18/23 **End:** Thu 6/22/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 45

Course Description

The New Yorker magazine is a rich resource for current, historic, cultural, and scientific information. To get the most out of this resource each week we discuss five current articles. The class chooses an article for next week's group discussion, then four different class members volunteer to provide an introduction into other articles. Each class starts with a group discussion. Then the volunteers' introductions are used to provide the base for the four additional weekly discussions. All members are encouraged to make presentations and participate in discussions.

Instructors: Ronald Peterson, Cindy Graff Cohen, John "Nemo" Nemerovski

Ron Peterson has been a UA OLLI member since 2012 following a career as a broker and investment banker in Washington, DC. He served as a VP at Paine Webber and Prudential Securities and headed a financial futures unit for Merrill Lynch. He is the author of "Solomon's Wishes," a book on investment strategies and tactics, and two other books. Ron won two investment contests and lectured on markets for banks and individual investors. He holds two masters' degrees and four graduate certificates.

Cindy Graff Cohen recently retired from a 40-year career in writing, editing, teaching, and marketing. She moved from El Paso to beautiful Tucson in late 2020 and says she still feels like a kid in a candy shop.

John Nemo is a member of our tech host and presentation team here in Reading and Discussing the Yorker.

[Online Film Discussion Class](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture, Travel/Entertainment

Thursdays: 6 Sessions 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Start:** Thu 5/18/23 **End:** Thu 6/22/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 50

Course Description

Please join us to share your thoughts and insights about six different films. The first movie of the series will be pre-selected and introduced. The members of the class will be notified of that choice by an email with sufficient time to view the film. For the remaining five classes, the possible selections will be sent in advance of the class

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and then voted on at the beginning of each session. A volunteer from among the participants will be asked to introduce each film.

This class has been a staple of OLLI for several years. It generates lively, insightful, and sometimes controversial discussions as members consider and compare their feelings about all aspects of these selections.

Prior to the class, we will watch films chosen from Netflix, Kanopy, and Amazon. Some films will include a fee to view. A film may rarely be chosen from other viewing services.

Instructor: Mary Ellen Klawiter

Mary Ellen lived her first fifty years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she worked as an educator, a Director of Religious Education, and a Hospice Chaplain. Since moving to Sahuarita, Mary Ellen received an M.S. in Mental Health Counseling and counseled at-risk teens, pre-teens, and people struggling with loss. Her undergraduate work was in History and Theology and her graduate theological studies were in Religious Education and Clinical Pastoral Education.

[Women of the West IV](#)

Subject Area: Arizona History/Culture, History/Current Events

Thursdays: 6 Sessions 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Start:** Thu 5/18/23 **End:** Thu 6/22/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 2 **Class Size:** 70

Course Description

Women's history in the West has been largely preserved through letters, diaries, and magazine articles. New scholarship since the 1970's has produced many interesting films and books. This class is a continuation of three previous classes on Women in the West, but previous course participation is not necessary.

Topics include Nacissa Whitman, Women of the Santa Fe Trail, Jewish Immigrants, the first female Navajo surgeon, widows of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, and Hispanic women who immigrated from Mexico after the Mexican Revolution, Georgia O'Keefe, and women in religious orders. Film, readings, and discussion will be used.

Three books will be discussed:

I Am a Stranger Here Myself by Deborah Gwartney. ISBN-13: 978-0826360717

The Scalpel and the Silver Bear by Laurie Arvizo Alvord, MD. ISBN 978-0-553-37800-9. The first Navaho woman surgeon combines Western medicine and traditional healing.

World of Our Mothers: Mexican Revolution–Era Immigrants and Their Stories by Miguel Montiel and Yvonne de la Torre Montiel. ISBN 9780816546657

Instructor: Jeri Aldridge

After teaching English, Speech, Debate and History for 32 years in Evergreen, Colorado, Jeri retired and moved to Tucson. She collects folk art (Mata Ortiz Pottery, Wood carvings and Fabric Art) has a B.A. in Speech Communications from the University of Denver and an M.A. in Education from Colorado University. Jeri has

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traveled widely to Europe, China, Guatemala, England and Scotland and has an interest in politics and micro finance.

[Dream Group](#)

Subject Area: Social Sciences

Thursdays: 5 Sessions 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM **Start:** Thu 5/18/23 **End:** Thu 6/15/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 30

Course Description

Attendees share texts of their night time dreams and are invited to contribute their ideas and insights on others' dreams. Various techniques of interpretation will be demonstrated, such as "If it were my dream." The group format opens multiple perspectives and layers of meaning. "Ahas" of recognition follow as we unpack the dream. In this process we learn to listen to our intuition, increase compassion for others, discover deeper aspects of ourselves and receive guidance.

Instructor: Helen Landerman

Dr. Landerman has been curious about the meaning of her dreams and writing them down for decades. She has continuously participated in dream groups and is a leader of dream groups. Because dreams speak a language of visual symbols, her Harvard Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures has prepared her for work with metaphors and archetypes. She has 15 years of experience teaching at the college level. She is certified by Jeremy Taylor's Marin Institute for Projective Dream Work and is a longtime member of the International Association for the Study of Dreams.

[Ask a Financial Pro with 27 Years Experience](#)

Subject Area: DIY/Self-Help

Thursdays: Single session 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Thu 5/25/23 **End:** Thu 5/25/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 3 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

This class gives you the opportunity to submit financial and investing related questions prior to class, and have a Financial Advisor - Sr. Portfolio Manager provide answers. This is great opportunity to educate yourself or get a second opinion if you already have a Financial Advisor. Class can include many topics: How to Find a Qualified Financial Advisor, How much do Financial Advisors Charge for Advice or Custom Portfolio Management, Can I work with Multiple Advisors, How Do Politics Impact Investment Strategies, Do You Need an Advisor if you only buy Index Funds, Differences between Mutual Funds & ETFs, Investment Income Strategies, and Investing in Taxable accounts vs Tax-Deferred accounts. An educated investor is the best kind of investor.

Instructor: James Wigen

James has specialized in custom portfolio management, wealth management, financial and retirement planning, and insurances services for individuals and businesses since 1996.

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Supreme Activism by Justices Making Law

Subject Area: Civic Engagement/Community/Government, History/Current Events, Social Sciences

Thursdays: 3 Sessions 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM **Start:** Thu 6/1/23 **End:** Thu 6/15/23 - **Note:** 11:15 AM Start Time

Location: Online Zoom Offering **Class Size:** 70

Course Description

Interested in learning about the Supreme Court's recent highly contested decisions on abortion, gun rights, religious liberty, environmental protection, business regulation, voting rights, affirmative action and more? University of Cincinnati political science professor emeritus Howard Tolley will provide an overview of judicial activism since the 1960s by both Democratic and Republican appointees. Professor Tolley will examine how political ideology, legal principles and personal preference impact the appointment of Justices, the decisions they reach, judicial activism, and the alignment of conservative and liberal voting blocs as three Trump appointees and the arrival of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to replace Justice Breyer have significantly changed the Roberts court. Controversial cases docketed for consideration in the current term, include a potential judgment on the Constitutional authority of state legislatures to gerrymander voting districts without judicial review, a non-reviewable power that would also extend to state lawmakers' independent selection of delegates to elect the U.S. President.

Instructor: Howard Tolley

Prior to retirement in 2011, Howard Tolley served as a Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati where for 27 years he taught undergraduate and graduate public law courses on the U.S. legal system, Supreme Court, civil liberties, and international human rights. Whether in the classroom as a political scientist or when serving as a labor law fact finder, mediator, and arbitrator, he attempts to function as a professional neutral. He regularly offers Zoom classes on the Supreme Court for OLLI in Ohio, Florida, and Arizona where he spends the winter.

Fridays

News and Views with Sherry and Doug

Subject Area: History/Current Events

Fridays: 6 Sessions 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Fri 5/19/23 **End:** Fri 6/23/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 70

Course Description

Every week we pick and vote on topics to discuss. We like to discuss news from many different angles. So all civil opinions/views are welcome.

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News and Views Guidelines:

1 - We begin the class by soliciting topics from the students for possible discussion. Sometimes topics can be combined. 2 - A list of all of the topics is created in order of suggestion. 3 - A vote is taken for each suggested topic. Students can vote for as many topics as they wish to discuss. 4 - The voting results will be immediately shown. 5 - Topics are discussed by vote total (most to least) and in the event of a tie, either in order of suggestion or by SGL or group decision. 6 - The person who suggested a topic will be given 1-2 minutes to present their topic, either in advance of the vote if the topic is not clear, or when the topic is up for discussion. 7 - Important: We ask that everyone please keep your comments succinct - less than three minutes. Don't ramble and please refrain from repeating yourself or others. We want everyone to be able to speak. 8 - Everyone will get a chance to speak before someone is called on again for a given topic.

Instructors: Sherry Goncharsky, Doug Syme

Sherry Goncharsky worked at IBM as a programmer and systems engineer after studying computer science at the University of Illinois. As a retirement job, she spent time "teaching computers to behave for their owners." Soon after joining OLLI, the pandemic hit and she became an active part of the tech hosting community and is also part of the AV Committee. Her hobbies include reading and crocheting.

Doug Syme was born and raised in Dublin. He graduated 1972 in Mechanical Engineering from Trinity College, Dublin University. He was recruited in 1983 to establish manufacturing of a Weighing and Batching System in New Jersey after the system was bought from the company for which he was working in Ireland. He is a Naturalized Citizen of the United States. Doug lived and worked in NJ for 8 years, and lived in PA for 25 years. He worked in small firm providing Equipment and Services to Commercial Swimming Pools. Doug retired in 2016 and moved to Green Valley. He has served on the board of Esperanza Estates HOA. He is a World Rugby Licensed Educator and teaches Rugby Refereeing. He volunteers with Sahuarita Food Bank. He also enjoys Choral Singing and participates in a number of Choirs in the area. He is an active student and Tech Host with OLLI.

[Selected Topics from the History of World War II](#)

Subject Area: History/Current Events

Fridays: Single session 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Start:** Fri 6/2/23 **End:** Fri 6/2/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 1 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

This class will cover various topics from World War II - including the heroes, war crimes, ratlines, psychopaths, codes, technology, causes, and enduring influences of the most destructive event in human history.

Instructor: Christian Wilson

Christian is a retired forensic scientist, former wildlife rehabilitator, current college instructor, and an amateur historian.

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[Social Security: What You Need To Know for Retirement](#)

Subject Area: Civic Engagement/Community/Government, DIY/Self-Help, Health/Wellness

Fridays: Single session 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Start:** Fri 6/9/23 **End:** Fri 6/9/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering 2 **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits? How does early retirement affect your benefits? Do you qualify for disability, survivors, and spouse benefits? How do you get the most from your benefit? What is the future of Social Security? When should you file for Medicare?

Instructor: Jack Burns

Jack Burns is a Public Affairs Specialist in Arizona for the Social Security Administration. He has worked with The Social Security Administration for over 20 years. Prior to working as a Public Affairs Specialist, he worked training and supervising benefit services staff in Social Security offices in Phoenix and Mesa, AZ. Jack has a B.A. from The University of Connecticut and a MEd. from ASU.

Online Classes: Shared Osher Offerings

[Taking and Editing Photos on Your iPhone](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture, DIY/Self-Help, Science/Math/Technology

Mondays: 2 Sessions 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM **Start:** Mon 6/5/23 **End:** Mon 6/12/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Shared From OLLI at Chico State CA

This class will introduce learners to basic foundational skills in establishing a composition for a photo, using the rule of thirds, and considering the values in a photo. This content will be followed by an introduction to the many photo editing tools available on an iPhone and how to use them with the photos that you have taken.

Instructor: Cris Guenter

Cris Guenter is both an artist and an educator. She is professor emerita in the School of Education at Chico State and was named the 2008 National Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association. She has been exhibiting her artwork in regional, national, and international exhibitions since 1972. She is currently a national trustee for the National Art Education Foundation.

[Knitting Knowledge](#)

Subject Area: Crafts/Cooking, DIY/Self-Help

Wednesdays: 4 Sessions 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Start:** Wed 6/7/23 **End:** Wed 6/28/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering **Class Size:** 300

Course Description

Shared From OLLI at Chico State CA

How often have you said, "I wish I'd known that before I started," in the middle of a new knitting project? This class offers knitters at all experience levels a framework for creating successful knitting results. In four sessions, we'll cover an overview of yarns and fiber, knitting accessories, making smart choices when planning a project, and using Ravelry.

Instructor: Gale Ulvang

Gale Ulvang, a life-long knitter, has made a hobby out of collecting odd bits of information and techniques she can use to improve her knitting projects. She promotes using internet resources to find patterns and expand skills and loves sharing that knowledge with others. She learned the Fibonacci sequence as a scheme for striping in hats and scarves and was inspired to learn more about how it can improve artistic composition.

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[Roaming Roman Ruins – England \(Pre-Recorded\)](#)

Subject Area: History/Current Events

Pre-Recorded class available on demand starting: Mon 6/5/23 **End:** Fri 6/30/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering

Course Description

Pre-Recorded Class Shared From OLLI at Chico State CA

Britain, part of the Roman empire for four centuries, is awash with ruins of Roman structures. Join me for a whimsical, virtual tour of Roman ruins located in England. Our roaming will take us to ruins I've visited, and those I have yet to see. I'll select the sites to show based on my own curiosity or level of fascination.

Instructor: Leanne Ulvang

Leanne Ulvang earned a BA in medieval and English history from Pomona College and a JD from the University of Santa Clara. In over a dozen years as volunteer instructor, she has acquired teaching skills, improved her French, and learned that OLLI is a great place to indulge her passions for language, history, and gardens.

[Medieval Machinations \(Pre-Recorded\)](#)

Subject Area: History/Current Events

Pre-Recorded class available on demand starting: Mon 6/5/23 **End:** Fri 6/30/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering

Course Description

Pre-Recorded Class Shared From OLLI at Chico State CA

This class covers struggles between English monarchs and magnates to claim power and authority from the Norman Conquest in 1066 through the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

Instructor: Leanne Ulvang

Leanne Ulvang earned a BA in medieval and English history from Pomona College and a JD from the University of Santa Clara. In over a dozen years as volunteer instructor, she has acquired teaching skills, improved her French, and learned that OLLI is a great place to indulge her passions for language, history, and gardens.

[Maintaining Optimum Brain Health and Fitness \(Pre-Recorded\)](#)

Subject Area: Health/Wellness, Science/Math/Technology

Pre-Recorded class available on demand starting: Mon 6/5/23 **End:** Fri 6/30/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering

Course Description

Pre-Recorded Class Shared From OLLI at Chico State CA

The most important resource to maintain excellent quality of life is the health and fitness of our brains. Following an introduction to brain structure and function, the instructor will present one of five key ingredients to brain health and fitness based on current scientific research. Each session will include easy-to-implement recommendations to optimize residual cognitive function and emotional resilience.

Instructor: Len Matheson

Len is a psychologist and inventor who also has taught and conducted medical research in North America and Europe for more than 50 years. He and his wife Mary have two children and four grandchildren.

[Humanities Seminars Program \(Pre-Recorded\)](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture, History/Current Events, Philosophy/Spirituality/Religion

Pre-Recorded class available on demand starting: Mon 5/15/23 **End:** Fri 6/30/23

Location: Online Zoom Offering

Course Description

Pre-Recorded Classes Shared From UA Humanities Seminars Program

The University of Arizona's Humanities Seminars Program has shared the first session of four award-winning HSP courses with the OLLI member audience. Watch these classes online any time during the summer session.

If you would like to enroll in any of the full online courses through HSP this summer, use discount code OLLI2023 for a \$10 discount. Enter the code on the HSP registration page in the "voucher code" field.

Localizing the Sacred: Medieval Christian Architecture and Art, Instructor: Professor Laura Hollengreen

Introduction to Hindu Mythology, Instructor: Professor Caleb Simmons

Caravaggio, Instructor: Olivia Miller

Supreme Court Cases During A Pandemic, Instructor: Greg Sakall

Field Trips

[Field Trip to International Wildlife Museum](#)

Subject Area: Science/Math/Technology

Thursdays: Single session 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM **Start:** Thurs 5/25/23 **End:** Thurs 5/25/23

Location: International Wildlife Museum **Class Size:** 30

Course Description

The International Wildlife Museum is dedicated to increasing knowledge and appreciation of the diverse wildlife of the world as well as explaining the role of wildlife management in conservation. Explore the fascinating world of natural history at the museum. The museum offers a close-up look at over 400 insects, spiders, birds, and mammals (including prehistoric). Travel from the equator to the poles learning about the unique relationships, adaptations, and habitats of the world's diverse wildlife. The animals are inanimate and we will be indoors! Part of the tour is a film show about life in the Antarctic. The museum tour will be docent-led. Bring your own sack lunch if you want to eat lunch with the group, after the tour, at the museum.

Field trip participants are responsible for entrance fee of \$6 for per adult; payable at the door.

Instructor: Ann Tai

An OLLI/UA member since 2019, Ann has been a volunteer with the Membership and Outreach Committee and Tech Hosting for online Study Groups. She moved to Tucson from Michigan where before retiring she was Program Coordinator for OLLI at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor.

[Tour of Health Sciences Innovation Building at the University of Arizona](#)

Subject Area: Science/Math/Technology

Thursdays: Single session 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Start:** Thurs 6/1/23 **End:** Thurs 6/1/23

Location: Health Sciences Innovation Building **Class Size:** 24

Course Description

Explore innovations in modern medical training first hand on this amazing tour. University of Arizona Health Sciences is constantly developing pioneering programs in health care. Anchored in Health Sciences Innovation Building, this building is a design-thinking school focused on interprofessional education and training, which help boost the goal of integrating comprehensive care across the health care professions. It is a multidisciplinary educational and research facility that supports Health Sciences and its five colleges: College of Medicine – Tucson, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and College of Medicine – Phoenix.

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OLLI-UA Summer 2023 Field Trips and Social Events

Officially opened in 2019, the building also was designed to be a hub of interprofessional activities and a host of collaborations, with exceptional architectural detail to encourage the flow of people and ideas toward connections. HSIB is the work of CO Architects, which has won two national awards for the building's unique design. Please be advised that there is an extensive amount of walking through the building.

Parking: Garage Parking closest to the HSIB is the Highland Garage. 1420 E. Helen St., Tucson.

Cost: Free. But there will be a fee for hourly use of the Visitor Parking Deck. Rate: \$2 for 2 hours.

Instructor: Ann Tai

An OLLI-UA member since 2019, Ann has been a volunteer with the Membership and Outreach Committee and Tech Hosting for online Study Groups. She moved to Tucson from Michigan where before retiring she was Program Coordinator for OLLI at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor.

[Concert at the Fox Theatre: Junior Brown](#)

Subject Area: Arts/Culture

Wednesdays: Single session 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Start:** Wed 6/14/23 **End:** Wed 6/14/23

Location: Fox Tucson Theatre **Class Size:** 20

Course Description

Join fellow OLLI members to see Junior Brown in concert at the historic Fox Theatre in downtown Tucson. We have our own OLLI-UA section being held and all we are missing is you!

From the Fox website: "With his unique voice, more unique song writing, and even more unique double necked "Guit-Steel" guitar, there has absolutely never been ANYONE like Junior Brown. He's an American Original."

[Read more here.](#)

We have 20 seats reserved in rows 17-20 from the front, on the floor, right in the middle of the left section.

Cost: \$36.50. (Includes OLLI-UA group discount). Tickets will be available for pick up at will call under the name of the purchaser.

NOTE: This event is non-refundable.

Group Lead: Jo Kelleher

Jo Kelleher will coordinate the group in advance of the show.

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Social Events

[OLLI-UA ~~Ice Cream~~ Gelato Social](#)

Tuesday: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Start:** Tues 6/6/23 **End:** Tues 6/6/23

Location: Central Tucson Campus **Cost:** \$5

Event Description

Come celebrate summer and meet fellow members at our Central Tucson Campus gelato social featuring the renowned Gelato from Tucson's own Frost.

The cost is \$5 per person payable upon registration and the event is open to all members. Please note this event is non-refundable.

Watch for other social activity announcements throughout the summer session – including dining out events, concerts, workshops and more.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

What are Special Interest Groups?

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are ongoing groups that meet and socialize regularly around a topic. It's easy to join, and you can do so at any time. You register just like you do for a class. There is a menu for special interest groups on the [Browse Classes](#) menu of the website, or you can register on the links below. Want to start a special interest group at OLLI? It can be online or in-person. Let us know your ideas: email us at ollimail@arizona.edu



[Community Service](#)

Location: Varies
Volunteer in the Community

Host: Connie Lowy

SIG Description

Requires OLLI-UA Membership. This is an ongoing, self-managed offering; join at any time. OLLI Programs have a long tradition of giving back to the communities they serve. Join this group if you are interested in being part of a team dedicated to various community service initiatives. It is a great way to meet fellow members and give back to the community we live in. If you're interested in volunteering, join this SIG today! New volunteer opportunities will be added as they become available. Past projects have included helping at the Tucson Community Food Bank and the Tucson Festival of Books.



[Let's Talk!](#)

Every Monday: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Online Zoom Offering

Hosts: Frankie Harris, Susan Williams

SIG Description

Welcome to Let's Talk, inspired by a fellow OLLI member! In another class she asked, "Why do we have to have a topic to discuss? Why can't we just get together and talk?"

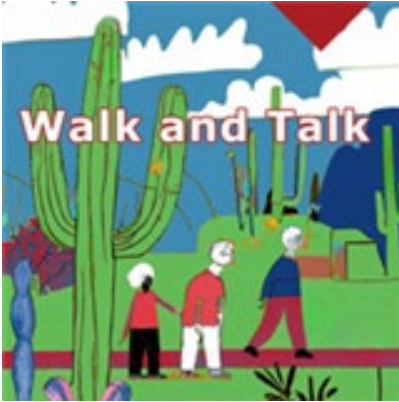
This group will do JUST THAT! Please join Susan & Frankie for an hour of talking and/or listening. We hope to see you!

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Walk and Talk

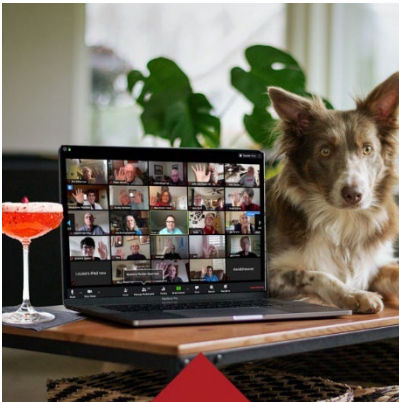
Every Thursday: 10:00 AM

Location: Varies

Host: Judith Rockey

SIG Description

Step "out of the box" of classrooms and Zoom to enjoy the social and health benefits of OLLI outdoors! Make new OLLI friends while staying in shape. We will meet up at a local park. We'll "Walk and Talk" with OLLI members for about 45 minutes and then gather for lunch at a nearby ramada. Location is subject to change but is announced 5 days in advance.



Virtual Happy Hour

Every Friday: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Online Zoom Offering

Hosts: Trudy Hill, Sherry Goncharsky

SIG Description

Join your OLLI friends online for lively conversation!



Calling All Crafters

Last Saturdays: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Central Tucson Campus

Host: Judith Rockey

SIG Description

Do you like showing your favorite crafts to others? Learning new crafts? "Calling All Crafters" is a special interest group at which OLLI members can teach and learn a variety of crafts. Every last Saturday of the month, a new craft project will be shared and taught. Members will take turns presenting their favorite. A small fee may be charged to cover supplies only.

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[Fun with Games](#)

Every Sunday: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Online Zoom Offering

Hosts: Frankie Harris, Susan Williams

SIG Description

Spend an hour in the virtual lounge playing popular board games that have been adapted to online. Two games will be played each session: one with teams competing and one with individual scoring. Just show up: we provide the online games! This is a friendly competition with lots of fun and laughter to be shared!